

--It is generally known that a plant hormone cytokinin is taking an important role in the redifferentiation of adventitious shoots. Thus, any one of the cytokinin-related genes can be used as the adventitious shoot redifferentiation gene, including cytokinin synthesis genes such as *ipt* gene (A. C. Smigocki and L. D. Owens, *Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA*, 85:5131 (1988)) derived from *Agrobacterium tumefaciens* (hereinafter referred to as "*A. tumefaciens*"), and CKI1 gene derived from *Arabidopsis thaliana* which is considered to be a cytokinin receptor gene (Kakimoto T., *Science*, 274: 982-985 (1996)). In addition to these cytokinin-related genes, *rol* genes derived from *Agrobacterium rhizogenes* (hereinafter referred to as "*A. rhizogenes*") induce redifferentiation of adventitious shoots in a hormone-free medium, so that they can also be used as the adventitious shoot redifferentiation gene. Among these genes, the *ipt* gene is particularly preferred as the selectable marker gene to be used in the present invention because abnormal morphology induced thereafter can be detected easily.--

Please substitute the paragraph starting on line 10 of page 27 of the specification with the following revised paragraph:

--The *rbcs* promoter present in the chromosome of a tomato (*Lycopersicon lycopersicum* var. Ailsa Craig) was amplified by the PCR (primer 1 (*rbcs*3B1); 5'-GGATGTTAATGGATACTTCTT-3' (SEQ ID NO: 1), primer 2 (*rbcs*3B2); 5'-GACAATAATTGGTCTCTAGTA-3' (SEQ ID NO: 2), and the thus obtained fragments were blunt-ended using T4 polymerase (purchased from Takara Shuzo Co., Ltd.) and inserted in to the *Sma* I restriction enzyme site of a plasmid pHSG398 (purchased from Takara Shuzo Co., Ltd.) to obtain a recombinant plasmid pRB1.--

#### SUPPORT FOR THE AMENDMENT

Page 1 of the specification has been amended to update the priority information. Page 11 of the specification has been revised for clarity. Page 27 of the specification has been